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SUBJECT POSSIBLE SAODAP FUNDING FOR CAMP COBRA

REFS: A. MYERS/PORTER LETTER 5/3/74; B. COWAN/DAKEN LETTER 4/8/74

1. WE SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE YOUR SEEKING SAODAP FUNDING FOR SUMMER CAMP FOR AMERICAN TEENAGERS, AND SAODAP HAS INDICATED IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FUNDING IF CAMP INCLUDES PROGRAM RELATED TO DRUG ABUSE.

2. HOWEVER, WE UNAWARE EXTENT TO WHICH AMERICAN TEENAGERS ARE INVOLVED IN DRUG EXPERIMENTATION AND ABUSE (IF ANY), AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORT ON SIZE AND SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM. WE FEEL THAT SAODAP FUNDING OF PROGRAM SHOULD BE IN AMOUNT APPROPRIATE TO SIZE OF PROBLEMS OF DEPENDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG ABUSE. WE ALSO AWARE COUNSELING PRO-
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GRAMS THIS SORT MAY HAVE VERY USEFUL DETERRENT EFFECT.

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3. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUS IN-
STRUCTIONS (PARA 3, REF B) SAODAP SUGGESTING YOU CONSIDER
FOLLOWING IN FORMULATING YOUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR SAODAP
ASSISTANCE. A. PLANS SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM DEAL-
ING WITH DRUG-RELATED PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN TEENAGERS DURING
SCHOOL YEAR FOLLOWING MORE INTENSIVE SESSIONS IN CONJUNCTION
WITH SUMMER CAMP COBRA PROGRAM. B. ACTIVITIES OF BOTH

SUMMER CAMP AND FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY
QUALIFIED COUNSELOR WITH SOME EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH
YOUTH, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO DRUG PROBLEMS. SAODAP
HAS INDICATED IT WOULD FUND POSITION FOR SUCH A COUNSELOR
HIRED EITHER LOCALLY OR IN THE US. C. SAODAP FUNDS COULD
MORE EASILY BE RELEASED IF AT LEAST PART OF SUMMER PROGRAM
COULD BE FINANCED BY YOUR OWN FUNDS.

4. WE ALSO CONCERNED WITH RECENT LPF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPA-
GANDA CHARGING THAT ONLY ADDICTION PROBLEM IN LAOS IS
"FOREIGNERS--AMERICANS, FOR EXAMPLE." WOULD EMPHASIS ON
DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS DURING CAMP COBRA PROGRAM RAISE POLITI-
CAL PROBLEMS FOR US WE WOULD RATHER AVOID? (THIS WOULD
SEEM TO GET PARTICULARLY NETTLESOME IF A US-HIRED COUNSELOR
WERE USED IN PROGRAM.)

5. SAODAP STILL AWAITING FORMAL PROPOSAL WITH SPECIFICS
ON PROGRAM YOU CONTEMPLATE, AND REMINDS THAT END FISCAL
YEAR APPROACHING. WE WILL AWAIT YOUR COMMENTS AND ADVICE
ON ABOVE BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. RUSH

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